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In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688
 For: Removable Bearing Assemblies
 Filed: January 9, 2001
 Inventor: Richard L. Fisher
 GAU: 3617
 Examiner: Avila
 Docket #: Fisher-001221

DECLARATIONS IN ACCORD WITH 37 CFR 1.195 AND MPEP 1207

In the outstanding action, the Examiner states on page 5 in lines 4 - 5 that "the statements in the affidavits are self serving statements." While this is certainly the case, the appellant and his representative do not believe such statements, whether self serving or otherwise, should be disregarded. Such would fly in the face of affidavit practice as it exists before the Patent Office. Nevertheless, appellant is providing herewith an additional set of declarations made by two individuals very experienced in the marine industry and familiar with the terminology used therein. These individuals recognize the same identity recognized by the appellant. These declarations were not earlier forwarded because the Examiner first objected to the declarations by the appellant and his partner as being self-serving. Consequently, consideration of these in the present appeal is respectfully requested, and appropriate.

A supplemental declaration by the appellant is similarly provided herewith, which restates the contents of the previous declaration but which further sets forth the appellant's experience in this

field. Since the content herein does not differ, but merely establishes the basis for the credibility of the appellant which has been questioned in the last office action, entry of the same is similarly requested and appropriate.

These affidavits are being submitted by facsimile, while the appeal brief is being submitted simultaneously but under separate cover, and by mail.

Sincerely,



Albert W. Watkins

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